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INITIAL APPEARANCE OF BASSAM JAMIL HASAN, A/K/A SAM HASAN

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that Bassam Jamil Hasan, also known as Sam Hasan, made his initial appearance today in federal court today in response to a six count indictment charging him with a scheme to defraud San Antonio area banks. Hasan, who operates the business known as Sam's Embroidery Club, is alleged to have given several area banks fake contracts to provide H.E.B. with embroidered clothing and apparel. These fake contracts are the basis for six bank loans given to him beginning in April of 2003. The indictment alleges that the contracts did not exist. The loans ranged in value from \$78,000 up to \$400,000.

The defendant was released on bond pending further appearances in the case. This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney David Counts.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted by a court of law.

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